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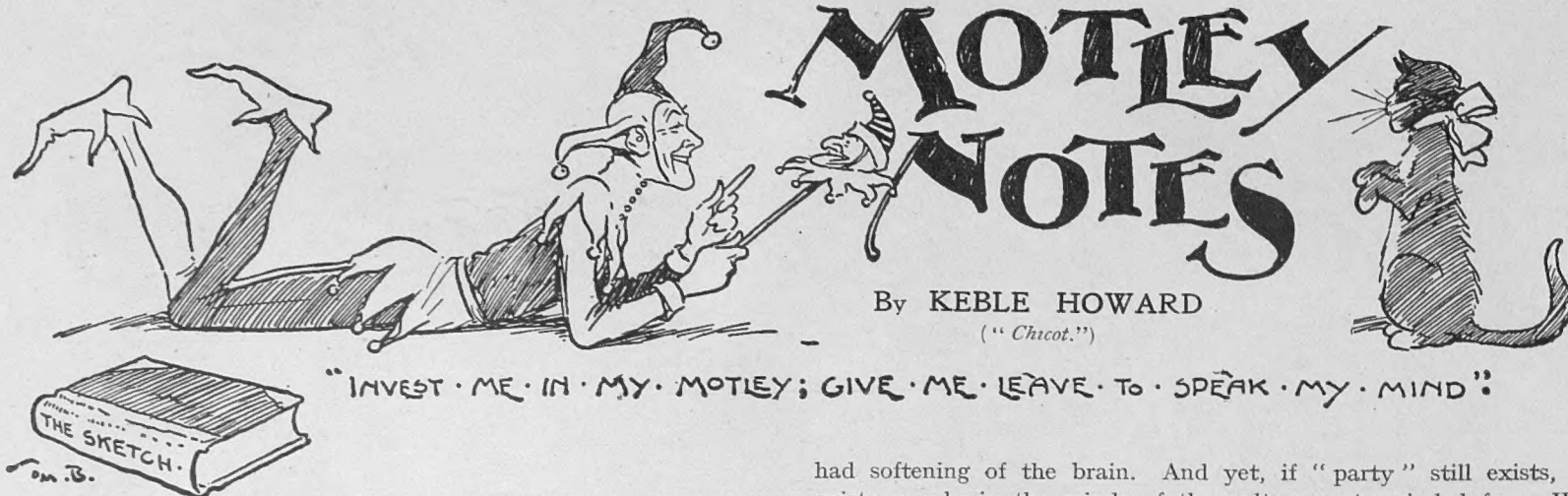
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DRAWN BY WILL HOUGHTON.



A Cross Editor.

I was talking the other day with the Editor of a very well-known London daily. We wasted a few moments on pleasantries, and then I plunged him into the Censorship question. I had an appointment to drill at three o'clock, and it was then half-past two. Obviously, one could not beat about the bush.

"By the way," I said, apropos of nothing, "of course, I'm entirely opposed to you on the Censorship question."

He stiffened, swiftly and visibly. He drew back a little in order to get a good, crushing spring at me. As a trivial conversationalist I was well enough; as a person with any right to strong views on the Censorship question, I was just worth crushing and that was all.

"Are you?" he said. "That's because you know nothing about journalism."

"I've had twenty years of it," I replied humbly.

"Have you? Then you ought to realise that the liberty of the Press is the liberty of the Public, the liberty of free speech, the liberty of thought, the liberty of England! Take away the liberty of the Press, and you rob England of her liberty!"

"I don't quite see that," I objected. "What has the liberty of the Press to do with the liberty of the country?"

Then my Editor delivered himself of an extraordinary statement, which showed in a flash the danger of spending too much time in Fleet Street.

"The Press," he assured me, with a heaving breast and a flashing eye, "the Press *is* the Country."

I Am Left Gasping.

I'm afraid I laughed—which was a dangerous proceeding.

"My dear fellow," I said, "don't be silly!"

"Silly!" He grew three inches in height and eight in circumference. I was much interested. I was not so frightened as Alice, but quite as pleased with the performance. I hoped that he would rise in the air a little way, slowly, but in this I was disappointed. What he did do was to pour out a torrent of condemnatory criticism on the luckless heads of the Press Bureau.

"I suppose," he demanded at last, in scathing tones, "that you would like to see any paper that dares to criticise the Government altogether suppressed?"

"Certainly," I assured him, "if that criticism tends to hamper the conduct of the war. At the present time, nothing matters but that we should beat the Germans and beat them well and in fair fight. After that, you can return, if you like, to your old little disputes and internal struggles. But not a word of public criticism until the war is over."

"Bah!" cried the Editor. "You're not worth talking to!" And he stamped away from me.

"Pull On the Rope!"

To me, it is quite marvellous that any British-born subject should think of anything but winning this war. How can he bring himself to imagine that other things can matter? I don't mean that the trade of the country should be neglected, or that wives and families should be thrown on the charities; that, of course, would be fighting for the Germans. But what does personal inconvenience matter at a time like this? What does a reduced income matter? Who cares twopence about politics and political parties? When I told this Editor—who is not typical of all editors, by any means—that there was no such thing as "Party" in the State to-day, he looked as if he thought of calling for help. I am sure he thought that I

had softening of the brain. And yet, if "party" still exists, it exists merely in the minds of the paltry, party-minded few. We are all one until the end of the war, and then, if men can't live without their silly little domestic squabbles, have at it again in the stuffy lists of Westminster!

I can sympathise to the full with the editors of daily papers who have to keep good stuff out of their columns because somebody in authority thinks that the publication of that "story" might be harmful to the interests of the Allies. To the journalist, a good story is as precious as the life-blood in his veins. As for official mistakes, of course there have been official mistakes, and will be as long as the world lasts, wars or no wars. But the Press Bureau, when it makes mistakes, makes them, I think, on the patriotic side. They, as much as the rest of us, want to win the war, and they have no business prejudices to blind their judgment. Once again, *messieurs les rédacteurs*, patience, patience, patience! Think of your Special Victory Editions! Just let the Army and the Navy win the war, and then you can go right ahead to your millions and your Peerages!

A Warning to Whisperers.

"The public are forbidden to spread by word of mouth false reports or false statements likely to interfere with the success of the

forces by land or sea.

"A person alleged to be guilty of an offence against these regulations may be tried either by a court-martial or before a court of summary jurisdiction."

These two clauses, taken direct from the Special Supplement to the *London Gazette* setting forth the new powers of the naval and military authorities, should be brought to the notice of those—and I regret to say there are some—who take a delight in whispering false evil tidings and scaring the old and the weak-minded with suggestions of unsuspected dangers.

"I am told," says this class of person—and then comes the lie.

"Have you heard that—?"

"Mind you, I don't believe it myself for a moment, but I have it from a man who is in a position to know that—"

"I only hope it isn't true, but I was dining with a man yesterday who is a personal friend of —, and he told me that—"

You all know the type. He is quite harmless to the strong-minded, but he might easily "interfere with the success of the forces" by preventing recruiting or starting a small local panic. Very well. The next time you come across him, don't forget that he is liable to be tried either by a court-martial or before a court of summary jurisdiction. What is more, whether he is a friend of yours or not, or a relation or not, it is your duty to warn him that you must report his conversation to the authorities if he persists in it. If he does persist in it, and you do not report him to the authorities, then you are as great a danger to your country as he is, and you, too, are doing something to "interfere with the success of the forces by land or sea."

The Civilian in War-Time.

Civilians complain every day that they can do little or nothing to help in the winning of the war. On the contrary, the war could not be won if the civil community did not combine with the naval and the military. The civil community stokes whilst the Navy steers the ship and the Army steers the engine. The stoker is seldom seen, and he gets no glory; there is no gold braid on his coat. But he is an essential person, and, in time of emergency, he is often a great hero.

Civilians, here is a new duty. Stop the first murmur of the pessimist!

“VERY QUIETLY”: A WAR WEDDING.

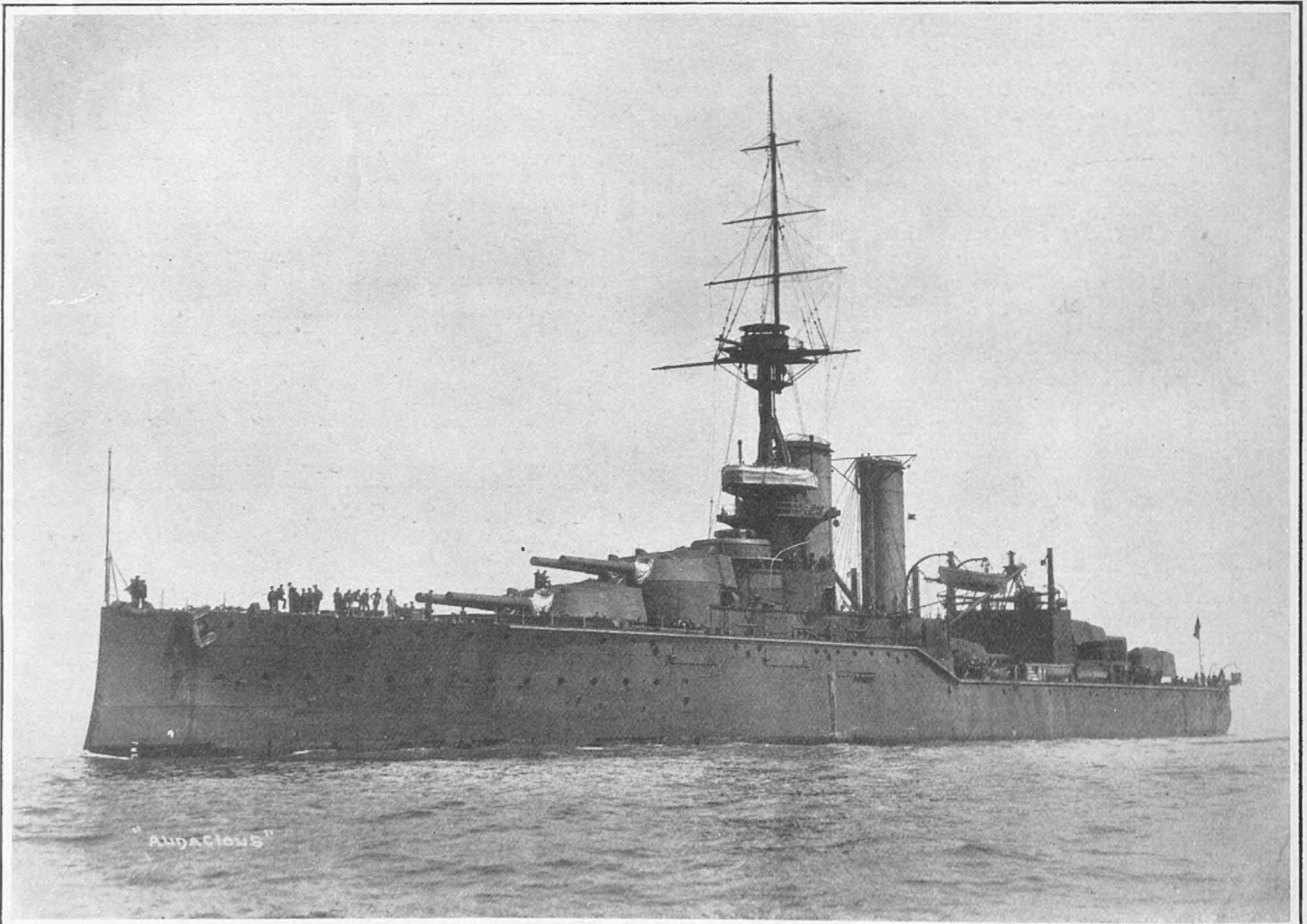
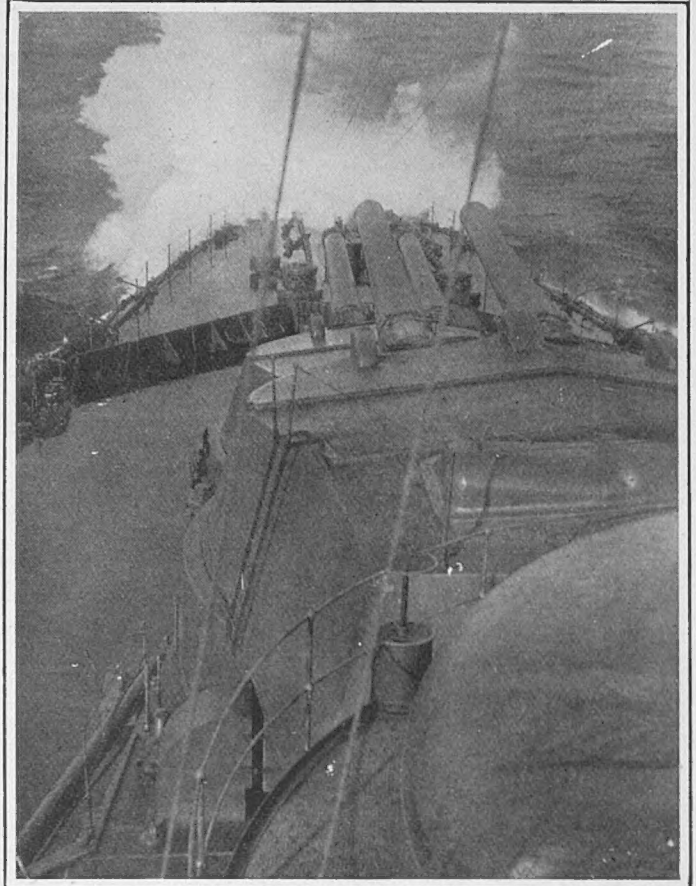
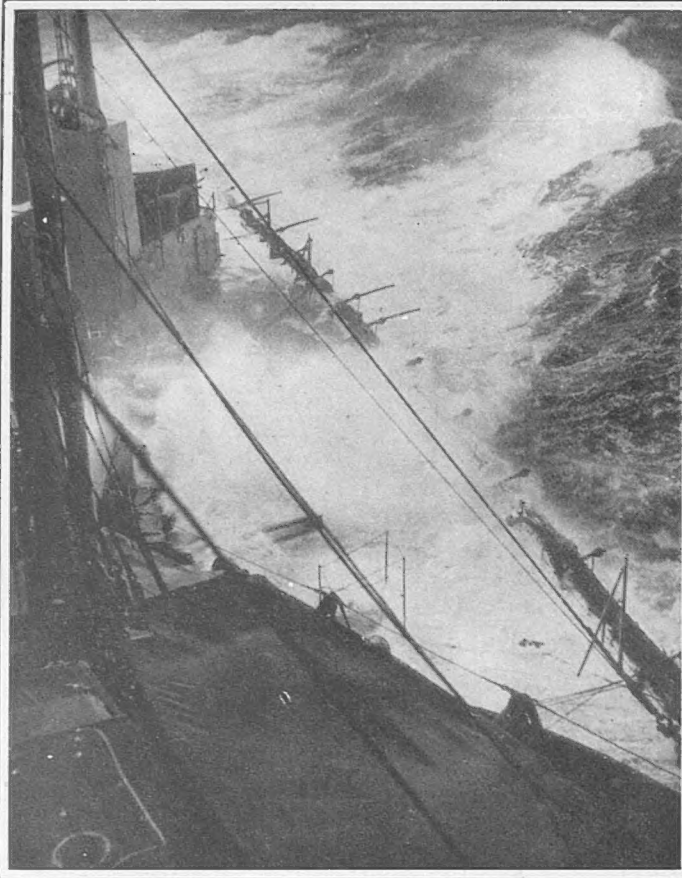


*Married to the Marquess Conyngham's only Brother:
Lady Frederick Conyngham
(Formerly Miss Bessie Tobin.)*

The war has been responsible for many quiet weddings in cases where, under more auspicious conditions, the ceremony would have been "fashionable" and, almost of necessity, the occasion for a numerous assemblage of guests. But the war has altered all that. Miss Bessie Tobin, now Lady Frederick Conyngham, is the daughter of the late Mr. W. A. Tobin, of New South Wales, and Mrs. Tobin, of 92, Mount

Street, W., and her marriage, to Lord Frederick Conyngham, took place in London, by special license, on Saturday, Nov. 28, very quietly, the bridegroom having to join his regiment, the Inniskilling Fusiliers, almost immediately after the wedding day. Lord Frederick Conyngham is the only brother of the present Marquess Conyngham, and was born in 1890.—[Photograph by Lullie Charles.]

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D'ANNUNZIO'S "ST. SÉBASTIEN" AS NURSE: A WAR-WORKER.



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Photograph by Illustrations Bureau.

THE QUEEN'S "WORK FOR WOMEN" FUND.

33, Portland Place, W.

To the Editor of "The Sketch."

DEAR SIR,—May we, on behalf of the Queen's "Work for Women" Fund, make an appeal through the medium of your paper to the women of the United Kingdom, inviting each one of them who is in a position to do so to contribute a shilling as a New Year's offering to the Fund.

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THE LITERARY LOUNGER.

RAIDS AND INVASIONS—DIFFICULTIES OF CARRYING THEM OUT.*

Difficulties of Invasion, or the lesser evil, raiding, being much under discussion at the moment, let us see what an expert thinks of possibilities and probabilities. First of all, let it be noted that he is not a great believer in coast-defences as such: Britain's coast defence and that of the Dominions overseas is the Navy, although, of course, any attempt at a landing would find opposition offered by our Army, Regular and Territorial. The difficulties of invasion are many. "The army required can only be assembled in the home country . . . the risks begin when the ships are leaving port. They cannot all get out at once on one tide, and as they emerge will be exposed to attack in detail. . . . The stir of preparing the expedition and the collection of transports will have given warning. . . . It is certain that though a small raid may start surreptitiously, nothing like an invasion can be a surprise." The author is writing more especially of attacks on colonies; but the facts, or the majority of them, hold good also as far as the Mother Country is concerned. Further, "The speed of a convoy is not even that of its slowest ship, as a knot or two must be kept 'in hand' to allow stragglers and ships retarded by action to come up. The convoy will form a mass of ships extending over many miles of sea, for they will not be able to steam in definite formation or close together. . . . The convoy will thus, unlike a naval squadron, extend widely, and form a clumsy, disorderly group of ships, difficult to direct and still more difficult to guard."

**"Absence of
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Necessary for
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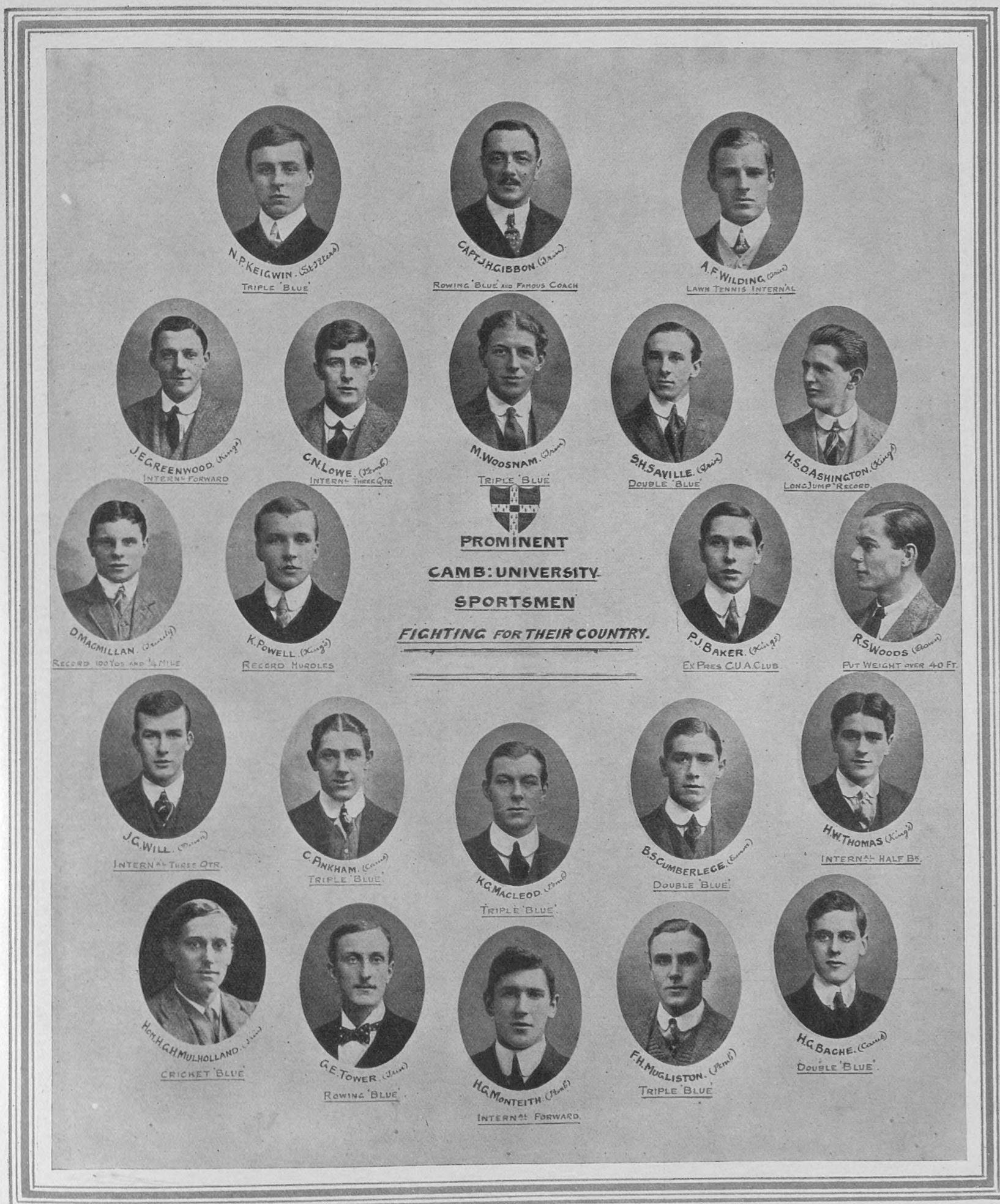
Then there is the actual landing to be considered. "Absence of opposition is now essential for landing troops: the arms of to-day are too formidable to be faced in the open by men unable to return the fire. A landing under fire attempted by men crowded in boats would be like troops on land assaulting a defended position in small thick columns without firing and over ground quite devoid of cover." What is the result? "Modern landings must therefore be made so far from populated districts and railways as to be unresisted. . . . The landing . . . will take a long time, perhaps some days, even if unopposed and executed with every assistance from the fleet."

Raid Troubles.

The raid is faced by at least as many difficulties as the invasion, plus the fact that any force landed would be but small. "A raid must be aimed at points which offer some inducement to attack, or it will not be worth attempting. . . . The object may be to capture a harbour as a temporary naval base, but troops will be needed to hold it. The more usual object of a raid would be to seize or destroy coal and any shipping there may be in the port, or any war-ships in dock, and to ruin docks and dockyards. . . . Whatever the object of a raid, it will be necessary to enter the port, or at least to fire into it; and to attain this end, if the entrance is defended by batteries, the naval commander must attempt: (1) to land men; (2) to engage the coast batteries; (3) to bombard the port, avoiding the batteries; (4) to neglect the batteries, and run past them into port." There are many things against this, notably the fact that men are liable to be cut off from their base, otherwise their ships; attack from both sea and land; street fighting, always a desperate undertaking; mines: submarines; torpedo-boats; and, especially, the coast batteries, whose guns are certain to do much damage. "The reason for the inferiority of ships to coast batteries may be explained in part by the fact, often overlooked, that war-ships are not designed or constructed to engage shore guns, but to fight other ships. It is harder to get correct range from a ship than the shore, and the ship presents a better defined and more vulnerable object to fire at than the battery, if the latter is well designed and ill defined by its background. In a battery only the gun itself is vulnerable, as the men serving it and the gun-mounting are shielded, and magazines are safe underground. Every shot striking the parapet or going over is harmless. The ship, on the other hand, will suffer greatly from the plunging fire from shore guns on high sites, or the 'high-angle' fire of howitzers, whose shells fall nearly vertically. Ships also have far less ammunition than a well-found battery, and cannot afford to fire it away, lest the next sea-fight should find them with depleted magazines. . . . Raids are only practicable under two conditions—that the defender's ships are too far away to interfere, or that the resistance on shore is insignificant." So both raid and invasion are seen to be things full of the gravest danger to those attempting them—always with the provisos that the Navy commands the waters and there is an adequate force on land.—We but touch upon one phase of the many of Colonel Foster's book, which argues that Imperial defence includes the defence of the British Isles as well as that of the outlying Dominions, and proves the vital necessity for co-operation especially in the upkeep of a great, and single, Navy. It is both excellent and entertaining.

* "War and the Empire." By Colonel Hubert Foster, R.E. (Williams and Norgate 2s. 6d. net.)

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at the war. Many of those left behind are either below the military age limit, or have been rejected for some physical defect. Many, too, are foreigners or Orientals. On this page we give portraits of a number of well-known Cambridge "Blues" who are among those upholding the honour of their Alma Mater at the front.

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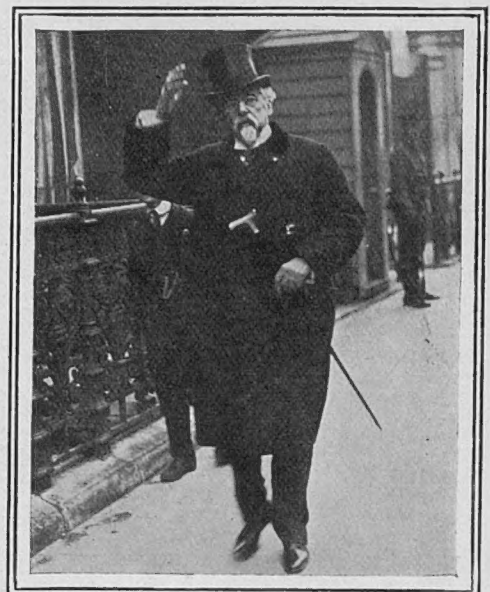
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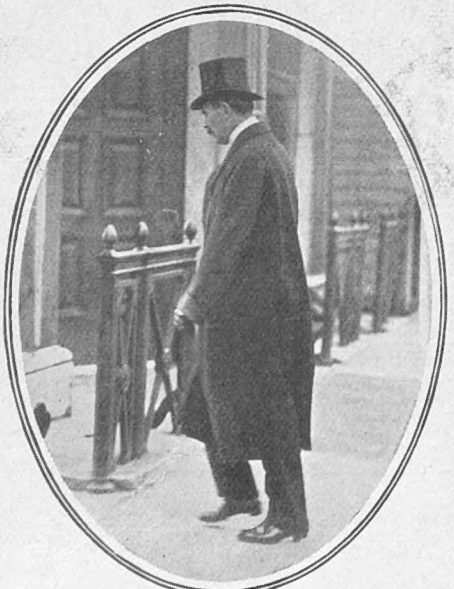
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THE EARL OF LONSDALE, ONE OF THE LATE KING EDWARD'S MOST INTIMATE FRIENDS.

Queen Alexandra's seventieth birthday, on Dec. 1, brought her Majesty an exceptionally large number of callers. A unique incident was the arrival of messages of congratulation from the seat of war sent by the King and the Prince of Wales; felicitations came also from the Courts of the Allied Nations and neutrals. M. de Bille called

specifically to hand Queen Alexandra an address signed on behalf of the Danish residents in England. It is rumoured that Prince Christian, an uncle of the German Empress, whose love-match began at Cumberland Lodge, has offered to resign his office as Ranger of Windsor Forest.—[Photographs by Topical and Alfieri.]

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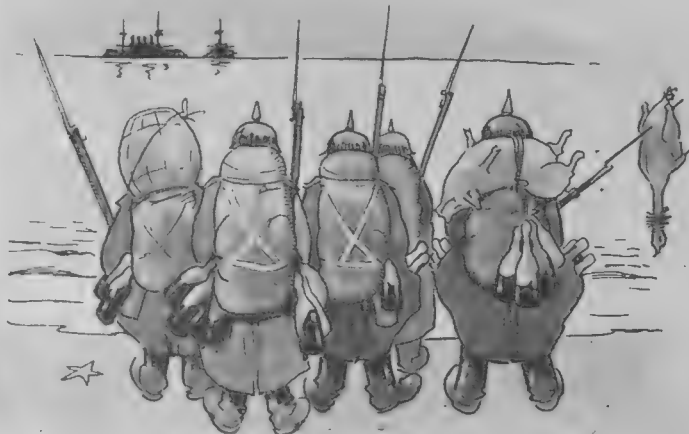
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WHILST CRUISING OFF MARGATE OUR HEROIC SUBMARINE D.U. SIGHTED A PART OF THE BRITISH FLEET, WHICH IT CAPTURED AFTER A STERN CHASE...



AFTER A FIERCE STRUGGLE, PART OF THE 10099TH REGIMENT SUCCEEDED IN OCCUPYING THE BRITISH TRENCHES.



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"DON'T MENTION IT."

DRAWN BY LAWSON WOOD.

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THE KAISER ENJOYING A MORNING TUB IN HIS NEW CAMPAIGNING CAR.

DRAWN BY W. HEATH ROBINSON.

THE BEST VESTA: A BRITISH PRODUCT.



IN AN OFFICER'S KHAKI, INSTEAD OF THE FAMILIAR TOMMY'S SCARLET: MISS VESTA TILLEY AS SHE APPEARS WHEN SINGING HER RECRUITING SONG, "IN DEAR OLD ENGLAND'S NAME."

Miss Vesta Tilley, already famous as a stage Tommy, to say nothing of a stage Blood, is now winning fresh laurels as a stage Officer—of course in khaki. Her recruiting song is proving a great success, and it is claimed for it that it has already induced a number to join the colours. She is singing it at the Coliseum this week. It was hoped that Miss Tilley would be heard at the Coliseum performance for the

"Daily Telegraph" Belgian Fund, next Sunday; but, this being impossible, she has promised that for the future the whole of the receipts made by the sale of picture postcards of her shall be handed over to it. This is a most generous act: in Birmingham, a fortnight ago, the sum thus realised amounted to nearly £80!—something like a gift "In dear old England's name."—[*Photograph by Davey.*]



A CASE OF CONSCIENCE. BY MARTHE TROLY-CURTIN.

Author of "Phrynette and London" and "Phrynette Married."

O H yes, I have one—in fact, I believe everyone has a conscience of a sort. I have never yet met anyone who was perfectly unmoral—many boast they are, but one and all have some conscientious kink or other. A conscience is like one of those Japanese dwarf-trees: clip it, pinch it, cut it, and torture it as you may—yet stunted, strangled, mis-shapen, maimed and mean, puny and pitiful, still it lives on. In fact, Conscience is quite unlike her sister, Trust—a one-headed chimera that one single stroke does kill. Conscience is seldom strong enough to prevent you from doing anything you very badly want to do, but it can nag long and loud enough, meanwhile and afterwards, to prevent you from enjoying your wrong-doings! It has many shapes and many names, and keeps queer hours. They are sometimes, those shapes, as hard and cruel and useless as the rack itself, and sometimes as subtle, supple, sinuous as a serpent of incense ascending—those are scruples. Sometimes Conscience is nothing else but Convention and Cowardice incognito. My own kind of Conscience invariably takes bodily form: it visits me in the form of my friends—female friends. My male friends have the good taste not to come preaching in other people's preserves, as you say in English.

The other day I was just going out when one of my conscience's impersonifications called on me. She pecked at my right cheek with the curious habit they have here of ignoring the other, then she catalogued me mentally from head to foot while I was feeling the moral meanderings of my conscience coursing criticisingly all over me like some active slug.

"Hullo!" it said, settling itself with a malignant jerk on my feet. "Hullo, what's that? Is it the fashion, or dancing-shoes?"

"Both, I hope," I said meekly.

"I mean," the slug insisted, "are they worn for afternoon wear?"

"Well, if one likes; personally, I can't dance with high heels."

My Conscience sat on the least uncomfortable seat in the room and lifted her veil. I knew I was in for a bad attack of it.

"You are not really going to dance in such terrible times?" she persisted, with the perverse wish I was going to answer "Yes."

"No," I equivocated. "I am only going to learn the two new dances—you see, it's a lesson, not a recreation; one is somewhat like the Tango, with a reminiscence of —"

"Dan-n-cc!" vibrated my Conscience, and she put her feet on the fender and peeled off her gloves.

I collapsed on the coal-scuttle, and knew my offence must be heinous. "But," I argued, "you see, darling, it is not a dance: it is a *cours à thé-dansant*, very quiet; you sip your tea as soberly as at any Mothers' Meeting while you watch the demonstration, then you crush down your cigarette, you get up, and try it with one of those nice-looking boy-instructors—six steps, a gentle flop, then——" My Conscience removed two hat-pins from her forage-cap. "Besides," I pleaded desperately, "King David did dance in front of the Ark, and so does Gaby Deslys in

front of the British Public—would they have dared outrage Sanctity if such dancing was wicked? And then there are Dervishes—and I am sure you have not given up golf, now, have you?"

Having removed her fur coat, my Conscience replied that golf was exercise. *Parbleu!* so are the new dances exercise. You would not like me to have become fat and out-of-breath when we shall meet again at the balls of better times, would you, amiable readers? Or do you think, too, that dancers and dancing teachers should be left to twiddle their toes, so to speak, in disastrous idleness and add their own misfortune to the general one? What does your conscience say?

Twice this last week have I been sat upon most severely. The second time was apropos of a certain article I wrote three weeks ago on "Nuts and Sports." A man reader of mine points out that I must not know British manhood very well (British manhood did give me a chance, though, and I certainly did my best!) if I find so much to admire in that infant officer, the hero of my article, who, hating war, rushed to war. "He did neither more nor less than his duty, which is what every decent English boy is doing."

Exactly. But there are so many ways of doing one's duty, and so much does vary the value of it according to the temperament of the dutiful one. As a matter of fact, when I did write that article, I was mentally comparing that boy-lieutenant to another man who had also gone to the war, expressing to me the wish to be sent to — (no, it is not the Censor, I just forget), because there was more "fun" going on there. I suppose he meant that the fighting was there more furious. The word "fun" jarred on me. I tried to look at things from his point of view, and failed—my sense of humour is not developed enough yet. War is a sad necessity—not a Red Revel! I do not appreciate ghastly jokes. I don't admire people who whistle while having their legs cut off—it's rather like swank! Don't whine, but don't whistle. And one can do more or less of one's duty according to the weight of that duty on one's shoulders. For instance, while warring will seem a pleasant pastime to the be-shillelaghed-who-will-tread-on-the-train-of-my-coat Irishman, and his facing the front nothing admirable in itself, the same act is a feat of heroism in "our Mr. Mildkin," of the haberdashery department. And when Mr. Mildkin leaves the safety of suspenders and sponge-bags to march martially side by side with Pat of Erin, it is to Mr. Mildkin I shout "Bravo!" the louder as they both pass under my window.

"Duty, neither more nor less."

Oh, how much more, or how much less! More beautiful and more dutiful the conscious courage of the sensitive and the pacifist than that of the merely brave.

The great Turenne used thus to apostrophise roughly his own highly strung body in the first minute of battle: "Thou shakest, carcass, thou shalt shake much more in a moment!" Upon which he and his horse used to throw themselves defiantly in the face of Fate. Methinks he did know the word and deed of duty, but he did not spell it fun!



THE WIFE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE GRAND FLEET:
LADY JELlicoe.

Lady Jellicoe, of whom we give the latest portrait, is the wife of Sir John Jellicoe, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Fleet, and is herself deeply interested in the womanly side of the war, working for the wounded and the necessitous and lending the influence of her presence and personal efforts wherever they can be of service. Lady Jellicoe, before her marriage, was Miss Florence Gwendoline Cayzer, daughter of Sir Charles William Cayzer, first Baronet. She is sister-in-law to her husband's Chief of Staff, her sister, Miss Constance Winifred Cayzer, having married Rear-Admiral Charles Edward Madden, C.V.O.—[Photograph by Spaight.]



PARTICULARLY proud is the lot (with certain reservations) of the special constable told off to protect the person of his Majesty. One night last week an elderly clubman did duty with five others in the gardens of the Palace, his hours being from midnight till four in the morning. I saw him after his first bout, and he told me how he had spent his time—two hours of standing, and two hours of walking on a dark path between darker garden-beds. "Did it rain?" "Yes," he answered, "it rained." "Did you know that the King was in France that night?" "Not till the next day," was the answer given without the suspicion of a grievance.

Slightly Soiled. Just lately London has been full of three-day-leave men from the front. How many of them are in our midst is difficult to say, because they hardly ever wear their uniforms, but occasionally one may discover them at the next table in a restaurant or in the next seat in a theatre. At Brown's Hotel the other day a tall young man in very new khaki received the approving glances of most of the room, whereas a milder-looking youth in tweeds fancied he was scowled upon for a "slacker" by at least one lunching lady. He happened, however, to be very much the real thing. Four months ago he went to France, fought at Mons, and has been fighting ever since. The only thing

never seen—Rudyard Kipling! Mr. Kipling, by the way, is the least gloomy of civilian patriots: he manages to keep something of the cheerfulness of manner that is characteristic of the fighting-man rather than of the non-combatant. When he lunches he lunches; strategy goes by the board, and the menu is the thing that matters.

An Ex-Lowther Lamb.

Lord De la Warr was in khaki for a few weeks, but has since changed into tarpaulins. After joining Lowther's Lambs and getting the rank of Major, he was commandeered by the Admiralty. During his brief career as a soldier he was encamped on ground of which he knows every inch, just outside Bexhill. That the Admiralty has laid hands on him is not surprising; he is an accomplished sailor, and eminently fit for the rough work that wants doing in the North Sea.

A Brave Solution.

What course of action is open to a cashiered officer? The chances of war put some men in Queer Street, and it happens that one of the officers who lately came to grief in France is counted among the bravest men in the Army. "Go to Whitehall and enlist" was his first notion when he found himself without a job, but on second thoughts he remembered that probably even the ranks were closed to him. "Go to Belgium and enlist" was his next notion; and he is now fighting as a private in King Albert's Army.



A WORKER FOR OTHER WOMEN—AND AN APPEALER FOR SPARE SHILLINGS: MRS. C. ARTHUR PEARSON.

Mrs. C. Arthur Pearson is working indefatigably in aid of the Queen's "Work for Women" Fund. An excellent new plan is that every woman with a superfluous shilling shall send it before Dec. 16 to form a great New Year's Offering to their less fortunate sisters. The shillings should be sent to Mrs. C. Arthur Pearson, 33, Portland Place, W., and the grand total will be announced in the Press on New Year's Day.



TO PROFIT THE PRINCE OF WALES'S FUND: "THE NATION'S CHRISTMAS CARD."

The Prince of Wales's National Relief Fund has enlisted universal sympathy, and millions of money have poured in. But there are still many who would like to contribute something, and these can do so by purchasing the admirable Christmas Card called "Defenders of the Empire," published by Raphael Tuck. It is a spirited production after paintings by Mr. Harry Payne and Mr. Bernard Gribble, and, although it costs only sixpence, will be a valuable historic souvenir. All profits on the sale will be given to the Prince of Wales's Fund.

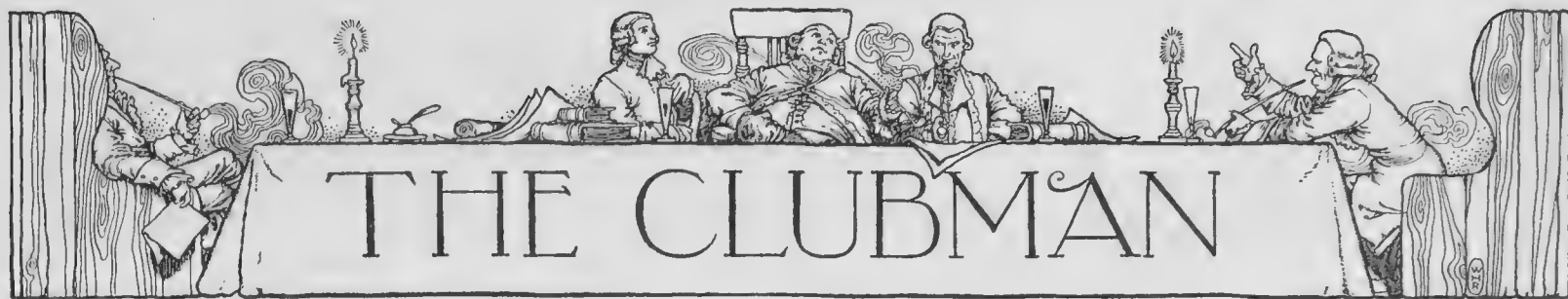
in the least the worse for wear is his uniform. It is at the cleaner's; even if it was not, he could not wear it!

R. K. in Good Spirits.

The young man in tweeds, if he missed the approving looks that are cast at khaki, had one consolation during that particular luncheon hour. He was back in England for three days, and at the next table sat the man he admires above all men, but had

Christian Warriors. War-going undergraduates will not be distinguished on the field as belonging to this or that college at Oxford or Cambridge. Their numbers would almost warrant some sort of special badge, but they will not even wear or win their "blues" at the front, much less make an appearance as men of Corpus, or Christ Church, or Magdalen. The gloomy Dean, for one, might have raised his eye-brows at a corps of Trinity men, or a dashing group from Jesus.

A Baby in Arms. Everybody, as it happened, limped at the christening of Lord Brassey's great-grandson. The aisles resounded with a cheerful sound of crutches. Lord Brassey himself confessed to gout; the father, back from the front and wounded, came lame but smiling; Lord Buckhurst, a youthful uncle from Eton, also came on crutches, the result of an accident. During the ceremony the war-baby himself was very much up in arms. The Brasseys are a plucky as well as a sporting and very popular family, and three or four of them at least are fighting for their country in the present crisis. Earl Brassey himself, genial if a little gouty, at seventy-eight, is quite one of the wonders of the Peerage and a universal favourite.



GEORGE II AND GEORGE V: "IN DESPATCHES": THE "FIGHTING HALF-HUNDRED."

The King in the Field.

That his Majesty, the Head of the Army should have gone amongst his troops in France and Flanders is eminently in keeping with his character, as we know him, of a brave man devotedly attached to his sailors and his soldiers. In paying this visit to the fighting line he has incurred infinitely more danger than falls to the lot of officers and men of his regiments, and he has met this danger with serene, smiling courage.

George II. and Dettingen.

During the past week it has been constantly mentioned that George II. was the last King to be with his soldiers in the fighting line when he won the victory of Dettingen. King George II. actually commanded at the Battle of Dettingen, though Lord Stair was really the brains of the army. It was one of those touch-and-go battles in which British luck pulled us through. The Duc de Noailles, as he wrote to his King, had apparently lured our army into a "mouse-trap." The British and their allies were on swampy ground, with a river on one side of them and an impenetrable forest on the other. In front of them was a French force waiting to cut them off when Noailles' force had compelled them to fight a rearguard action. The French in front, however, tired of waiting, advanced into the open, and the British attacked and defeated them, hacking a way to safety. King George II. on that occasion was mounted on a troublesome horse, which tried to run away with him into the French lines, so he dismounted and led his troops on foot. The fighting, however, in the Dettingen days was very different from the trench warfare of the present campaign.

Regiments in Despatches.

Sir John French, in his latest despatch, has mentioned a dozen or more infantry regiments for gallant conduct during the six weeks' battle of Ypres-Armentières, and never have regiments earned better the right to be held up to the admiration of the English-speaking world. I was delighted to see that amongst these regiments were some old friends—regiments that I have, in soldier phrase, "lain alongside" in the days when I wore the scarlet; and I feel as pleased in seeing their names in despatches as though some of my own relations had been mentioned.

The Somerset Light Infantry.

We called the Somersetshire Light Infantry the "13th Light Infantry" when I knew the regiment very well in South Africa. They were the first infantry regiment to march up-country when Sir Theophilus Shepstone annexed the Transvaal, and they not only did garrison

duty at Pretoria, which was then a mere village, but they laid out the ground near their camp as a park, irrigating it and planting plenty of little trees. These little trees, if they have not been knocked down for building purposes, must have grown into big trees by now; and I am sure that the town must have stretched over the site where the camp of canvas tents was pitched.



MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES AND "MENTIONER" OF THE 2ND GRENADIERS: THE EARL OF CAVAN.

In Sir John French's recent despatch it was stated that "on many occasions Brigadier-General the Earl of Cavan, Commanding the 4th Guards Brigade, was conspicuous for the skill, coolness, and courage with which he led his troops." Lord Cavan has himself paid a high tribute to the 2nd Battalion Grenadier Guards for their "great courage and endurance" in the defence of Ypres.

Photograph by J. T. Newman.

A Jellalabad Night.

The supreme feat that the 13th accomplished in India was the defence of Jellalabad against the Afghans, when the garrison in the ruined fort relieved themselves by defeating the besiegers. A Jellalabad night is always a night of feasting at the 13th mess, and at Pretoria I was one of the guests invited to dine on that night. Knives and forks and plates were rare and precious things in camp at Pretoria, and the guests were asked to bring their own plates and their own mugs. We drank champagne out of tin mugs and toasted the "Immortal Memory of the Siege." The 13th, a magnificent regiment of old soldiers, went from Pretoria up into Sekukuni's country, and when the order was given to attack that chieftain's stronghold, they walked up the mountain in line, disdaining to take cover. Sekukuni had been on the look-out for such a visit for some time, for his spies, having seen the 13th doing their bayonet exercise, reported to him that the soldiers had "danced their war dance."

Other Old Friends.

The Manchesters were old friends of my regiment in India, and so were the Royal Irish—that "very gallant regiment," as Lord Wolseley termed them after the Egyptian Campaign. Nothing has been sadder in the



THE HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN IN THE RIGHT PLACE: MEMBERS OF AN EDINBURGH FOOTBALL CLUB WHICH HAS JUST GIVEN ELEVEN OF ITS PLAYERS TO THE ARMY.

As a result of a recent visit by Sir George McCrae and Sir James Leishman to the Heart of Midlothian Football ground at Tynecastle, when they had a talk with members of the Club, eleven of the players decided at once to join the Army. They were medically examined on the spot and sworn in as members of the Edinburgh Active Service Battalion. Eight of them appear in this photograph.—[Photograph by C.N.]

present campaign than the overwhelming of the Royal Irish in the village of Le Pilly, which they had so gallantly taken at the bayonet-point. The Germans in the darkness came down on the gallant Irishmen like a wave descending on a ridge of pebbles. Major Daniell, who commanded them, had given the word to "Fix bayonets" and to "Prepare to charge" when his voice was stilled for ever. The gallant old "Fighting Half Hundred," a regiment that has battled in half the countries of the world, earned the warmest praise from Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien as well as from Sir John French, and it deserved every word of praise that was given it, for the lads from West Kent are as sturdy fighters as any

county can show, and the shell is not yet invented that would cause them to evacuate a trench. I have "lain alongside" the good old 50th both at home and in the Far East, and a smarter and more soldierly regiment it was never my luck to meet.



Christmas Presents for All.

A Military Bell Tent.

Lovely Christmas presents are always to be found in great variety at Wilson and Gill's, "The Goldsmiths," 139-141, Regent Street. This year special additions are made to their most attractive list (which will be sent free on application), in the shape of presents for men at the front, and in connection with the war. One is a beautifully modelled replica of a military bell-tent in silver, forming a pin-cushion and hat-pin stand. Each tent flies the flag of England, France, Russia, or Belgium in enamelled colours, and the price is 15s. A statuette, in bronze, of an officer in service kit, and beautifully posed, 9½ inches high, is sold for £5 5s. Personal interest can be given to this by having the head modelled from the portrait of a friend. Tinder-lighters, doing away with the necessity for matches or spirit, are also presents very suitable for men campaigning. These, in best electro-plate, cost 3s. 6d. All gifts ordered from this firm will be sent abroad, fully covered by insurance, inclusive of war risks. The firm are keeping their staff at full strength, and are making no reduction of wages, with the exception of men on active service, who are receiving half-pay. A water-tight tobacco-box, in solid silver, for 30s., is a very suitable present for a soldier. In the dainty catalogue are innumerable charming gifts at most moderate prices.

An Old English Favourite.

The establishment of Mark Cross, 89, Regent Street, has long stood high in favour of those who know what is nice, novel, and English. The charm of "Cross" leather things and of "Cross" gloves has long been acknowledged. Not a single article of German or Austrian manufacture is offered by this firm, which has in England 1300 employees making these very highly valued things. The gloves are of the very best possible to have; they are beautifully cut, wear well, and always look what they are—beautiful. In the making of bags the firm has also established a wonderful reputation. These are in great variety, and of the usual excellence in quality. A special pet with us is the "Doric" envelope, made from Doric morocco, an effective long-grain black leather having a coloured stripe at intervals of three-quarters of an inch; the silk linings match these stripes, in which a choice is offered of blue, green, purple, or maroon. The envelope measures 7 inches by 4½, and has two compartments; a mirror and coin-purse are neatly fitted, and the price is 22s. Another bag, also very novel and smart, contains a purse and a mirror mounted on a handle covered with silk to match the lining of the bag; this handle is attached by a neat chain and is made in a new way, the silk being folded and sewn inside. Very dainty and useful is it, and the price in black, fine-grained, genuine seal-skin, lined with grey, brown, or purple watered silk, with gilt mounts, is 40s. In black watered silk, with linings similar, it costs 30s.; while it can be had with oxydised mounts at the same price as gilt mounts. A little vanity-case will make a charming Christmas gift. It is made from a new leather—satin morocco—which looks like striped silk. The numerous gilt fittings are skilfully and compactly arranged, and include a purse to match the bag attached by a chain. It is a very ingenious and charming little thing, costing 27s. 6d. Very neat and



SMART AND ESSENTIAL:
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Mark Cross.

most useful is a neat sewing-case in Doric morocco having a coloured stripe at inch intervals; it folds quite flat, and is closed by a simple press-button. This will be a capital present for any woman, and particularly for those making themselves useful abroad and at home for the soldiers and sailors; while for the men themselves on active service it is also a splendid gift. These are but

a few examples of hundreds of exclusive and most useful presents at Mark Cross's most fascinating establishment.

Refreshing and British.

Eau de Cologne is not nowadays to be taken literally, for this very refreshing and most agreeable perfume is made without reference to the water of Cologne. Luce's well-known firm have made it since early-Victorian days, and have presented 5000 bottles of their (Isle of Jersey) Eau de Cologne to the British Red Cross Company for use in their hospitals. It was first made in the year of Queen Victoria's accession, and has since gained numerous gold medals and highest awards in competition with the best efforts of foreign and British makers. A bottle of it makes a most acceptable present for a nurse at the front, or for any lady or man.

A Christmas Fair.

On no account should a visit to Gamage's, at Holborn, be omitted in a round of seasonable engagements. The very atmosphere inside the doors of this wonderful emporium is Christmas-like, and anyone who cannot find gifts to their liking at Gamage's, will assuredly go, Scrooge-like, home, and be miserly miserable. The Christmas Fair at this establishment beats its own record; the Christmas catalogue, which will be sent free on application, is most topical, attractive, and patriotic. A feature of the Fair to which the eyes of boys and girls are fixed in strong fascination is a fortress-battle with realistic soldiers entrenched on each side, realistic

guns, realistic tents, realistic ambulances, realistic killed and wounded, nurses, stretchers—all in miniature, but in splendid detail. Khaki has been superseded by home uniforms, for the easier identification of the different corps. Of course, uniforms are in great request with boys: a field-service uniform to fit children from six to twelve years old, a facsimile of that worn by our soldiers at the front, costs 10s. 6d., or in cheaper quality, 5s. 11d. A little

girl who will enjoy games at nursing would love a little bedstead for her sick or wounded dollie, complete, with mattress and bolster, 24 inches by 14, and 19 inches high, for 8s. 6d. The mascots—"typical, topical tar" and "typical, topical Tommy"—well-made and well-stuffed, with movable heads, will delight younger children, and cost only 10½d. each, with 1½d. postage. There are soldiers of all regiments, correct in colours and all details. They are modelled by first-rate British artists and produced by British labour. There is no end to the variety and interest in the suitable Christmas gifts at Gamage's.

Next to a visit only, one of the firm's illustrated lists is the better way to arrive at the Christmas Fair's attractions.

The Singer and His Smoke.

The great Russian singer, Jean de Reszke, whom so many of us remember with gratitude for hours of exquisite

pleasure, has sent for those who are wounded while on active service 50,000 de Reszke cigarettes to be distributed among the hospitals of the Allied armies and the British Navy. It is known to most smokers how Jean de Reszke tried in every way to find a cigarette that he could smoke all day, if he wished, and that would not injure the delicate organism of his marvellous throat. In London he hit upon what he had so long sought in vain; but it was at a compatriot's, Mr. J. Millhoff, who had spent years on a similar quest, on its expert and commercial side, that he found it, and, in gratitude, permitted these world-wide celebrated cigarettes to bear his world-wide celebrated name. For



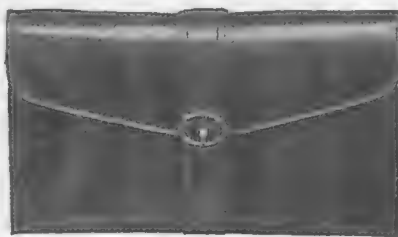
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A VANITY-CASE IN SATIN MOROCCO.

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AS A GIFT EN SOUVENIR: A SOLDIER'S BELL-TENT IN SILVER,
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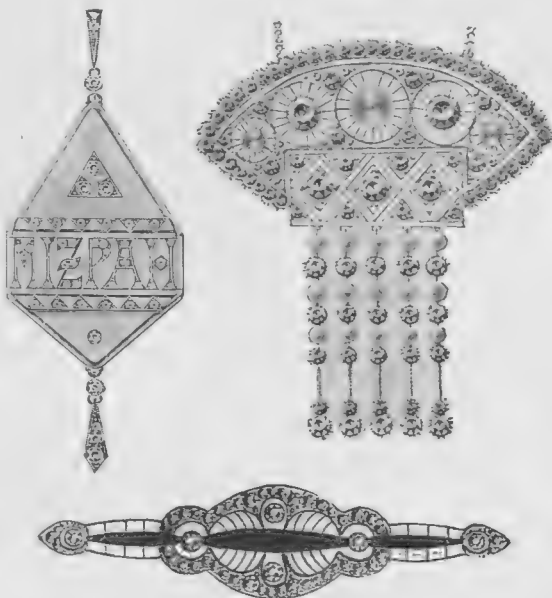
Messrs. Courvoisier.

Christmas no gift is more esteemed than a box of these cigarettes. Women approve them as well as men. They are bought for our gallant soldiers and sailors, and for home consumption also. These are purchases made without regret, for they give great pleasure.

A Whiff of Delight. There are few things that our heroes at the front appreciate more in their present circumstances, when their olfactory nerves are continually offended, than the little 1½-inch vial of Courvoisier's concentrated scents; these comprise all those flowers that English and French men love. The vials contain as much perfume as an ordinary bottle, but in this tiny vial, which can be accommodated in the waistcoat pocket. Many are being sent out as Christmas presents, and they can be obtained from all chemists, in all floral odours, at 3s. 9d. a bottle.

Jewellery Souvenirs of War.

It is a very pretty sentiment that is embodied in "Mizpah" brooches, prepared for Christmas gifts by Hunt and Roskell in alliance with J. W. Benson, Ltd., 25, Old Bond Street. They are in diamonds and platinum, and in many designs, and at various prices up to £100. The idea is that they are charming presents for a man absent at the front to give to his wife or fiancée, or his mother or sister. The word meaning "The Lord watch between me and thee when we are absent one from another" is singularly appropriate, and in the years to come the brooches will be souvenirs of the great war. Particularly delicate and pretty are pendants of frosted crystal, the Mizpah in diamonds and platinum set in and finished with diamonds. Of these gifts, already being freely purchased, the firm have a great stock. For the soldier or sailor serving a most useful present is a wristlet-watch, the hands and figures fully luminous, also the second-hand and figures. These are indispensable in an officer's equipment, as he can see the time on the darkest night, and count the seconds for any military purpose that he may have in view. Needless to say, these watches are in great demand. In sterling silver water-tight cases, they are £3 3s.; in gold, £5 10s.; while superior movement watches with fully luminous figures are £3 10s. in silver. The firm have the largest stock of wristlet-watches in London, from £2 10s. up to those set in jewels at almost any price. Their Christmas list includes many beautiful pieces of jewellery from four or five pounds to over a hundred. It will, of course, be sent free to any applicant.



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There are more people this winter standing in greatest need of comfort and luxury than usual: men home from the front, if not wounded, deadly weary—sometimes both—after their trials in the field. It is our pleasure as well as our duty to do everything possible to show them how we appreciate the fact that, because of them, we are in comfort and in peace. At Messrs. Carter's fine premises, 2-4-6, New Cavendish Street, the old-established and world-famed firm



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the comfort and convenience of which render them favourite Christmas presents. The firm, who hold a Royal Warrant of appointment to the King, and are members of the British Red Cross Society and the Grand International Society of the Red Cross, have issued a very well illustrated brochure for those requiring their specialties as Christmas gifts—and more will do so this year than ever before. In it they make the handsome offer of giving ten per cent. off catalogue prices—in spite of increased cost of materials—in respect of all orders definitely placed for presentation to the wounded or to hospitals or kindred institutions.

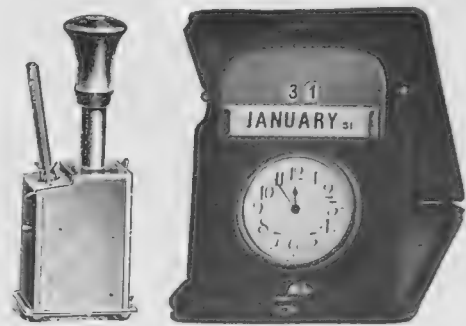
Ingenious and New.

The well-known firm of Parkins and Gotto, of 96, Oxford Street, have, as usual, many charming little novelties for Christmas. One is a jewel-case in handsome crushed morocco which has trays and cushions and all luxuriously complete; also it is fitted with an alarm which goes off energetically when the box is either moved or opened. Another novelty is a new pencil-sharpener which acts like magic; the pencil is inserted into a slot, the handle moved energetically up and down, and the point is put on immaculately. Fountain and stylographic pens are a specialty of the firm, and useful, dainty watch-calendars; playing-cards are now purchased not only for home pastime, but to send to the troops or for use in soldiers' club and recreation-rooms; cameras are another form of gift in which Parkins and Gotto specialise, as are calendars, diaries, etc. A visit to the establishment always suggests new ideas, and the number of small and inexpensive, yet extremely pretty and useful, presents is surprising and gratifying.

Useful and English.

Many utilitarian gifts will characterise this Christmas; none among them will be more welcomed than boxes of carefully selected "Melana" pure-wool stockings, with fortified feet. The Midland Hosiery Agency, of Loughborough, Leicestershire, have, as usual, at this time of year, made a specialty of these gifts. Also they supply warm comforts for the troops at wholesale prices. Their Christmas list, which will be sent on application, is well worth studying.

It is inevitable that such storehouses of personal and genealogic information as "Burke's Landed Gentry" should be affected more directly than almost any other class of publication by the incidents of a great war. The volume for 1914, revised by Mr. A. C. Fox-Davies, Barrister at-Law, and published by Harrisons, of Pall Mall, is admirably complete and rich in information concerning the great families of Great Britain; it is encyclopædic in scope, and invaluable for reference; and its records are in many cases by no means lacking in the suggestion of the romances which attach to some of the familiar names. It compels a feeling of regret that the war will necessitate so many deletions and alterations before the next volume is issued to the public. This, however, is one of the prices of the victory of our cause.



CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES: A DAINTY WATCH-
CALENDAR AND A NEW PENCIL-SHARPENER.

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COSY COMFORT: THE "CARBREK" BED-TABLE
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A THOUSAND TO ONE AGAINST: A QUESTION OF WEIGHT: THE CAR AND THE INDIANS.

The Defence of London. By now, it may be supposed, the London public has reconciled itself to the darkening of the streets as a necessary evil, and a slight relaxation in the irksomeness of the situation has been vouchsafed by the authorities to the extent of deferring the daily "lamps out" proviso until six o'clock. All the same, when the wind whistles and howls round one's ears as it has been doing of late, making the advent of a Zeppelin altogether impossible, it does seem absurd that some method is not adopted of varying the restrictions from day to day according to prevalent conditions. Then, too, there is the moon, which oft-times openly defies the authorities by shining so brilliantly that the question of whether lamps are in or out would make no appreciable difference. As a matter of fact, however, the darkening of the streets is the least important item of the measures that have been taken to ensure immunity from a Zeppelin attack. From a very well-known expert I have learned some interesting things as to what is being done, and only wish that I could make them public, as they would tend in no small degree to allay anxiety. Some of them, indeed, are patent to anyone who lives in a particular district, and can see what is being effected every night; but, of course, nothing gets into the papers, nor is it policy to tabulate the whole of the preventive measures in the Press under one heading. All that can be stated is that due precautions have been taken of a kind which make one think less and less of the importance of the darkened streets themselves, for the chances of a Zeppelin ever reaching London at all—much less of dropping bombs on Buckingham Palace or the Abbey—are among the last things we need to think about in these troublous times. There are contingencies, but war is full of such, and there are plenty to be more frightened about than the possibilities of a Zeppelin raid.

Iron v. Aluminium. From an instructive article in the *Light Car*, it would appear that the use of aluminium pistons in preference to those of cast-iron produces extraordinary results in high-speed engines, amounting to a difference of three to four horse-power in the case of even a small engine running up to 2000 revolutions per minute. Improvements, it is true, have already been effected in the manufacture of both cast-iron and steel pistons of excessively low weight, but aluminium renders it possible to make a piston lighter than even the most delicate one of steel ever fashioned, together with the supplementary advantage of considerable wall thickness. Certainly some of the

of the alloy, and since the war broke out it has been impossible to obtain supplies of ready-made pistons from either of these countries; but it has now been found, on analysis, that there is no inherent difficulty in producing the right material, and what was formerly a mystery is one no longer. Hence the way is clear for British manufacturers to make and use aluminium pistons on their own account, and possibly the result may be seen during the coming season in the direction of increased power in current types of cars, both large and small.



THE KING'S INTEREST IN WOUNDED INDIANS: A 20-H.P. DAIMLER AMBULANCE CAR PRESENTED BY HIS MAJESTY TO THE INDIAN FIELD FORCE.

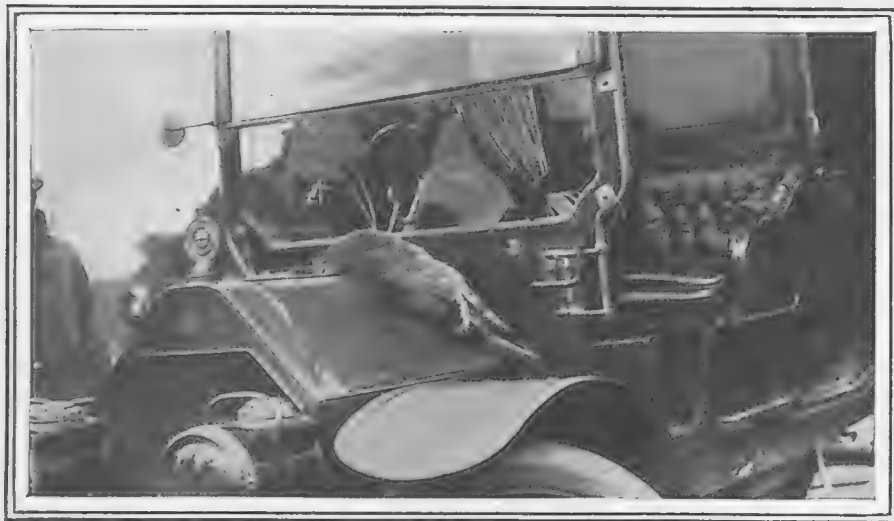
The King takes a special interest in the welfare of the Indian troops. Soon after arriving in France he visited an Indian hospital and spent some time in the wards talking to the wounded. The Queen has also presented the Indian forces with an ambulance car similar to the above.

An Ideal Cabriolet.

Probably the circumstances which led to the abandonment of the Olympia Show were felt by no section of the motor industry more acutely than by the carriage-builders. At the present moment they are making more ambulances than limousines and the like, but, despite the war, there is still some demand for covered cars, and the Cunard Motor and Carriage Company, of 135, Lower Richmond Road, Putney, S.W., have good reason for calling attention to the special features of their excellent cabriolet body, which are duly set forth in a catalogue which should be applied for by all who are investing in a new car. The illustrations which it contains show clearly enough that the Cunard cabriolet is not only exceptionally elegant in design, whether open or closed, but that it is also convenient and practical in every respect. In the former case it is almost indistinguishable from an ordinary touring-car, and enables the owner to drive without any feeling of "playing the coachman," while when the hood is closed the car can be used by ladies in evening-dress with as much comfort and protection as a limousine or landaulette. The conversion, moreover, from a touring to an evening or bad-weather car can be effected by one man in a single movement. It is perfectly free from rattle, draughts, or removable parts, as well as entirely watertight, and there is no strapping down to be done when the hood is folded back. Without mentioning various other points of advantage, it may safely be said that the Cunard cabriolet is everything that could be desired in the way of double-purpose bodies.

The Motor-Car and Art.

The Napier firm is first in the field in the artistic presentment of its cars for 1915, and a more striking catalogue than the one to hand has rarely been seen. It is a sumptuous volume, with a dozen or more plates in colour-photography which display Napier cars and bodies of various types to the utmost advantage as well as forming most attractive pictures in themselves. Handsome outlines have always been characteristic of the Napier products, but they have never been placed on record in such agreeable guise as in this latest and highly creditable example of the printer's art.



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At the Hockwold and Feltwell Coursing Meeting, in Norfolk, the other day, a hare came to an unusual end. In attempting to clear a motor approaching the ground, it jumped from the road clean through a 1/4-inch plate-glass wind-screen, and was killed instantaneously. The glass was smashed to atoms.

Photograph by Sport and General.

steel pistons that have been seen of late are dangerously thin, and the main question to be considered is whether the aluminium type can be generally adopted. Up to now only French and Belgian engineers have been able to determine the satisfactory compounding

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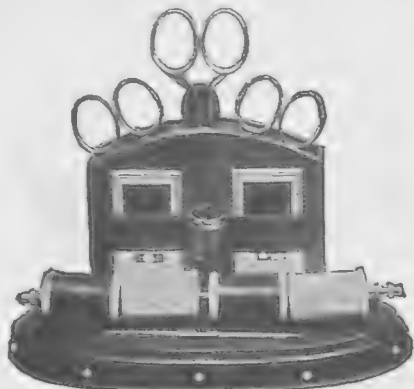
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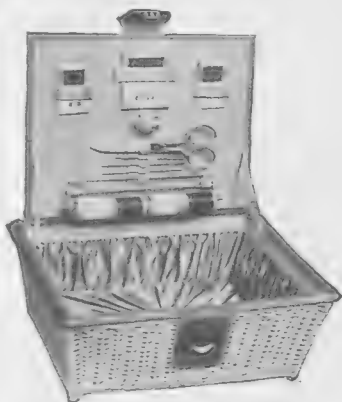
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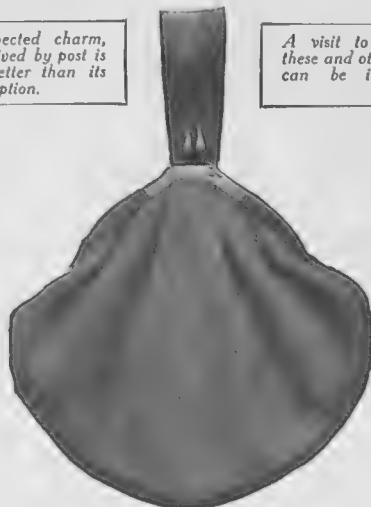


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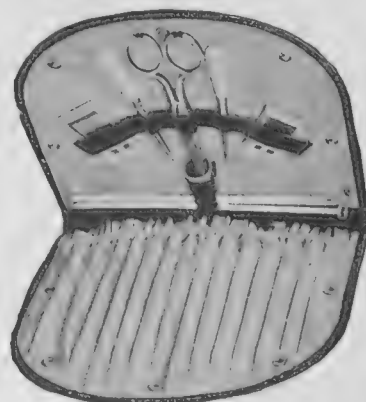


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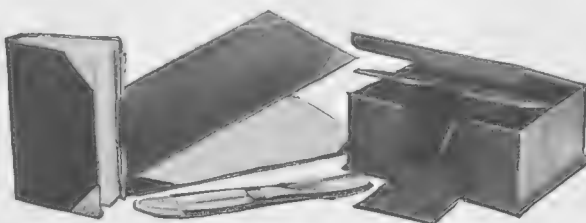


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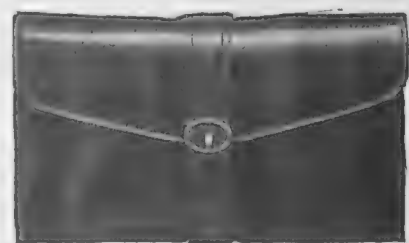
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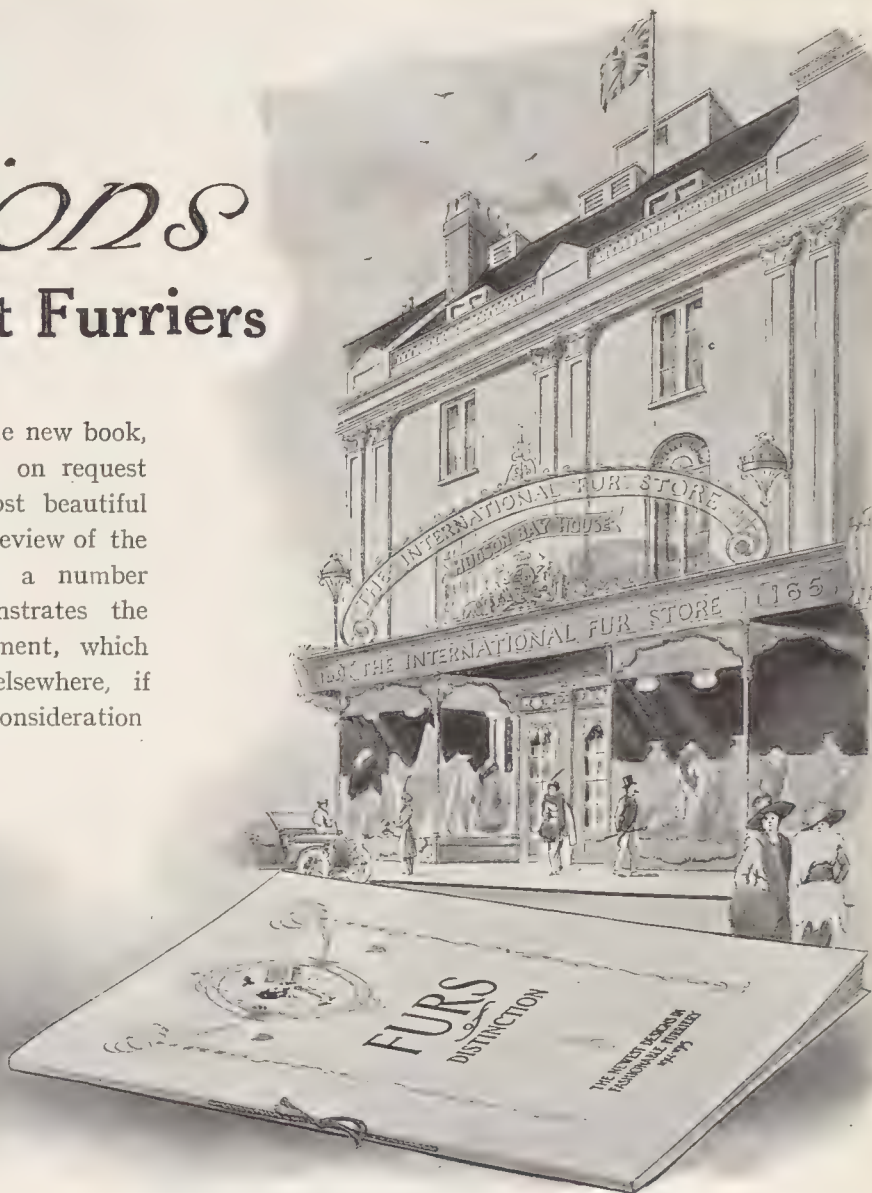
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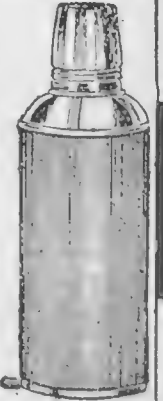
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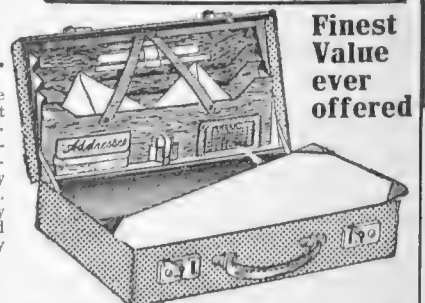
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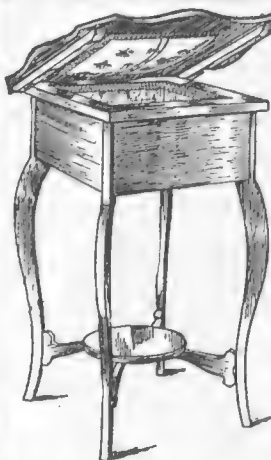


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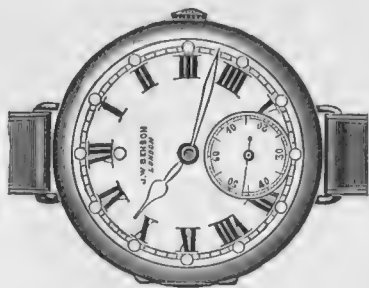
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Miss Gladys Cooper Explains Some Beauty Secrets.

The Popular London Star Favours Simple Methods.

I have been asked to give a few simple recipes that I know, either through personal use or by observation, to be valuable to the toilet, and which are within the reach of the average woman. In these days of £100 facial treatments and elaborate and expensive beautifying processes my suggestions may read like lessons in economy, but they are not especially so intended. They are merely practical suggestions, in which the keynote is "effectiveness." All the materials or ingredients which I mention are either already at hand in the home or may be readily procured from the chemist. Fortunately I do not suffer from the ailments or troubles enumerated below, but some people who are not so fortunate have told me their experiences, and with your permission I will set forth some remedies which they have found to be efficacious.

Complexion Renewals.

Complexion experts advise me that a normal, healthy complexion is constantly renewing itself by dropping off in tiny flakes of worn-out tissue, thus revealing the fresh young skin underneath. They say that when this process is checked by age, exposure, or some of many causes, the complexion becomes dull and ugly. The rational treatment recommended is to help the skin perform its natural functions of "shedding" worn-out tissue. For this purpose, I am informed, there is nothing so good as pure mercurized wax, used for a few nights, just as you would use a face cream. It is claimed that it possesses a special affinity for the effete scarf-skin, which it quickly removes by absorbing it. The face, I am assured, will soon look much younger and prettier under this treatment.

Removing Superfluous Hair.

I have been told of the most remarkable experiments in removing superfluous hair, warts and all, with what is said to be a perfectly harmless substance known as phelactine. It is claimed for this preparation that it is a depilatory, and therefore does not burn or injure the skin. With a candle flame it is first melted to a syrup-like consistency, and while the arm is smeared on the skin over the superfluous hair. Although it is removed almost immediately, the effect is supposed to paralyse and loosen the hair root; for when it is removed the hair should come right off with it and the roots themselves. I am told that in many cases the growth never reappears, and that even if it does so, it returns only after a very long time and in so much weaker form that it is easy to cope with by means of a repeated application of phelactine. I understand that the method is becoming so well known that many chemists are now supplying phelactine in specially prepared packages containing full instructions for home use.

Is Powder Necessary?

Many women object to using powder, for various reasons. The following formula is a good one. Dissolve an ounce of elemite in four tablespoons of water, or witch-hazel, and use it as a face lotion, smoothing the skin with the fingers until it is dry. This method is perfectly harmless. I am told that a really beautiful, natural, velvety bloom results and remains for many years quite unaffected by the most trying conditions out of doors or in the ball-room or theatre, and that it gives a much more natural appearance to some skins than does ordinary powder.

Grey Hair.

I have observed many attempts of many people to conceal grey hair. Some of these experiments were amusing, some disastrous, and some were successful. Personally, I believe I shall let my hair turn when the appointed time comes; but if I were going to try to evade it, I would give a trial to a real old "grandmother" formula that would probably do the work. This formula, I am informed, has been used with degrees of success for many generations, and consists merely of one ounce of concentrate of tannalite mixed with four ounces of bay rum. It is applied to the grey hair a few times with a small sponge, and ladies tell me it appears to darken the hair to a natural shade, not like a dye, but gradually and naturally.

The Curling Iron

Don't use a hot iron to curl your hair. Some of my friends make the cunningest sort of curls wherever they want them simply by dampening the hair with liquid silmerine before retiring at night. When the hair is dry in the morning it will be softly curly just where you want it to be. This method is perfectly harmless, even beneficial to the hair, and the curls last a long time. The liquid is quite pleasant, and neither sticky nor greasy.

How to Shampoo

Most women, I am informed, do not know how to use stallax properly when shampooing with it. Unless the hair is naturally very oily, a stallax shampoo may sometimes leave it rather dry. But I am told if you will apply olive oil freely to your hair and scalp just before shampooing with stallax, the result is most delightful. The hair will be left clean, soft, bright, and wavy, the olive oil having properly balanced the action of this wonderful hair cleanser.

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Gladys Cooper

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a *cul de sac*), but because this is a various world, and Mrs. Cobden had the mind and the pen to add to its interest.

"The Pastor's Wife."

BY THE AUTHOR OF
"ELIZABETH AND HER
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(Smith, Elder.)

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BY GASTON LEROUX.

(Eveleigh Nash.)

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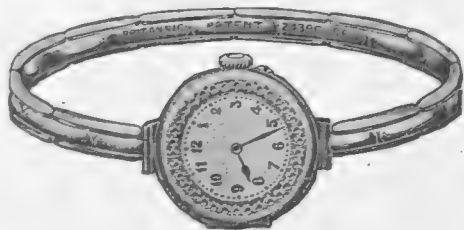
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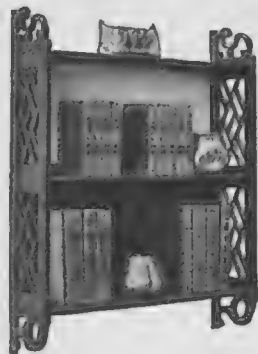
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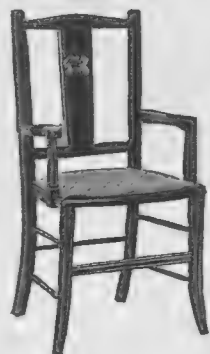
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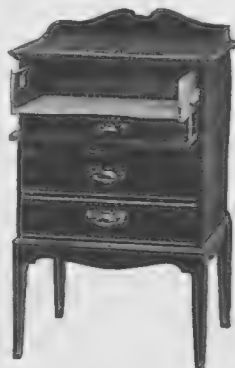
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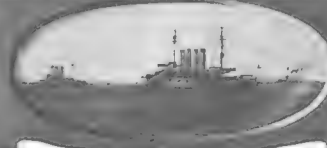

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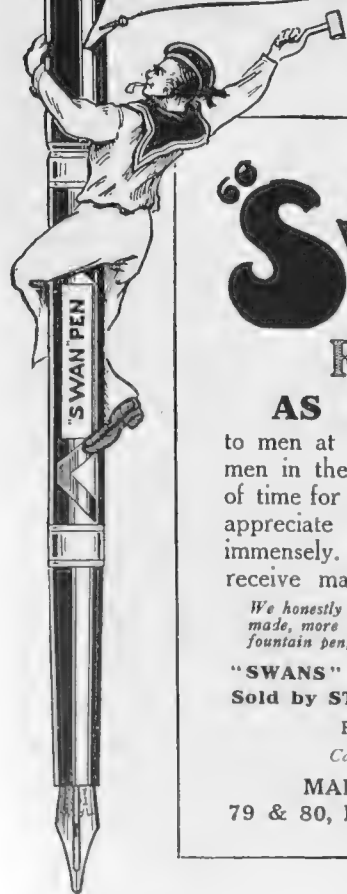
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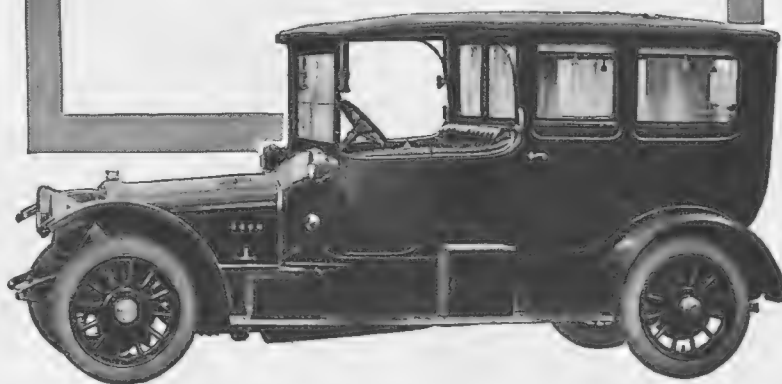
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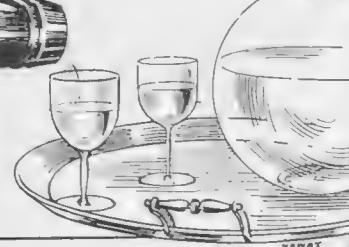
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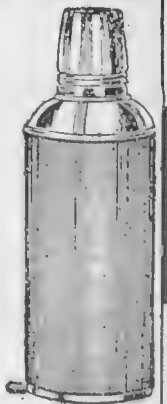
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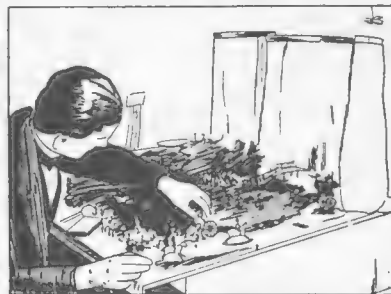
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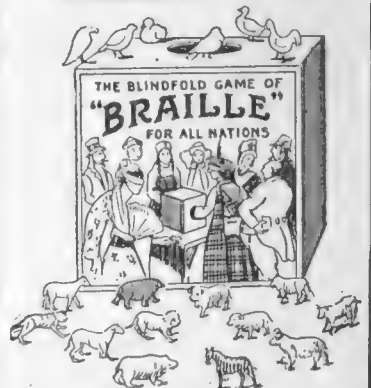
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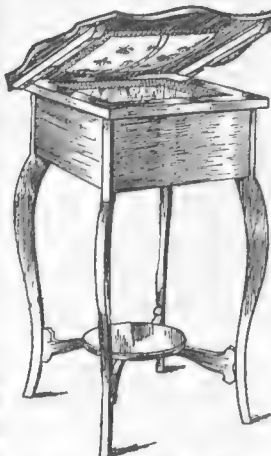
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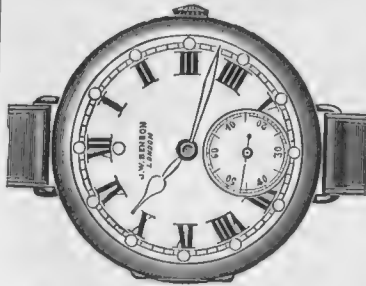
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Miss Gladys Cooper Explains Some Beauty Secrets.

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I have been asked to give a few simple recipes that I know, either through personal use or by observation, to be valuable to the toilet, and which are within the reach of the average woman. In these days of £100 facial treatments and elaborate and expensive beautifying processes my suggestions may read like lessons in economy, but they are not especially so intended. They are merely practical suggestions, in which the keynote is "effectiveness." All the materials or ingredients which I mention are either already at hand in the home or may be readily procured from the chemist. Fortunately I do not suffer from the ailments or troubles enumerated below, but some people who are not so fortunate have told me their experiences, and with your permission I will set forth some remedies which they have found to be efficacious.

Complexion Renewals.

Complexion experts advise me that a normal, healthy complexion is constantly renewing itself by dropping off in tiny flakes of worn-out tissue, thus revealing the fresh young skin underneath. They say that when this process is checked by age, exposure, or some of many causes, the complexion becomes dull and ugly. The rational treatment recommended is to help the skin perform its natural functions of "shedding" worn-out tissue. For this purpose, I am informed, there is nothing so good as pure mercolized wax, used for a few nights, just as you would use a face cream. It is claimed that it possesses a special affinity for the effete scarf-skin, which it quickly removes by absorbing it. The face, I am assured, will soon look much younger and prettier under this treatment.

Removing Superfluous Hair.

I have been told of the most remarkable experiments in removing superfluous hair, and all, with what is said to be a perfectly harmless substance known as phelactine. It is claimed for this preparation that it is a depilatory, and therefore does not burn or injure the skin. With a little flame it is first melted to a syrup-like consistency, and while still warm is smeared on the skin over the superfluous hair. Although it is removed almost immediately, the effect is supposed to paralyse and loosen the hair root; for when it is removed the hair should come right off with it and the roots themselves. I am told that in many cases the hair never re-appears, and that even if it does so, it returns only after a very long time and in so much weaker form that it is easy to cope with by means of a repeated application of phelactine. I understand that the method is becoming so well known that many chemists are now supplying phelactine in specially prepared packages containing full instructions for home use.

Is Powder Necessary?

Many women object to using powder, for various reasons. The following formula is a good one: Dissolve an ounce of clemite in four table-spoonfuls of water, or witch-hazel, and use it as a face lotion, smoothing the skin with the fingers until it is dry. This method is perfectly harmless. I am told that a really beautiful, natural, velvety bloom results and remains for many hours quite unaffected by the most trying conditions out of doors or in the ball-room or theatre, and that it gives a much more natural appearance to some skins than does ordinary powder.

Grey Hair.

I have observed many attempts of many people to conceal grey hair. Some of these experiments were amusing, some disastrous, and some were successful. Personally, I believe I shall let my hair turn when the appointed time comes; but if I were going to try to evade it, I would give a trial to a real old "grand-mother" formula that would probably do the work. This formula, I am informed, has been used with degrees of success for many generations, and consists merely of one ounce of concentrate of tannalite mixed with four ounces of bay rum. It is applied to the grey hair a few times with a small sponge, appears to darken the hair to a natural shade, not like a dye, but gradually and naturally.

The Curling Iron

Don't use a hot iron to curl your hair. Some of my friends make the cunningest sort of curls wherever they want them simply by dampening the hair with liquid silmerine before retiring at night. When the hair is dry in the morning it will be softly curly just where you want it to be. This method is perfectly harmless, even beneficial to the hair, and the curls last a long time. The liquid is quite pleasant, and neither sticky nor greasy.

How to Shampoo

Most women, I am informed, do not know how to use stallax properly when shampooing with it. Unless the hair is naturally very oily, a stallax shampoo may sometimes leave it rather dry. But I am told if you will apply olive oil freely to your hair and scalp just before shampooing with stallax, the result is most delightful. The hair will be left clean, soft, bright, and wavy, the olive oil having properly balanced the action of this wonderful hair cleanser.

Care of the Hands.

An excellent method of putting the hands in fine condition and keeping them so, is to rub them with bicrolum jelly just before retiring at night. This quickly takes away roughness, redness, tan, &c., and makes them soft, white and smooth. After this has been done, an occasional application will keep them in proper form.

Gladys Cooper

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"**Sylvia Saxon.**"
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This clever, so clever as to be distinguished, book will have no successor, for its author died a few months ago. She wrote only one other, some fifteen years ago, abounding, as first books will, in personal impressions of childhood and youth; now we have the long sad result of familiarity with life in "Sylvia Saxon." The heavy gilded frame of the manufacturing North encloses the portrait; it is a surround of magnificence and costly vulgarity which everyone who knows the best quarter of Liverpool or Manchester will recognise. And the portrait within, brilliant, proud, and unsatisfactory, calls to the passer-by not for love or understanding so much as discussion. Sylvia was hard to love and depressing to understand, but her attitude is an eternal problem of temperament. The coster who sang "Wot's the good of any-fink? Why, nuffink!" shared it with her; between him and her, endless social shades have seen its discontent. There is something noble about it, as of one satisfied only with the finest; better than cheap happiness, one feels; and something egoistic, as of one concerned with taking rather than giving; and a complete lack of tenderness and humour. Even the vision of a Sylvia for insincerities and futilities might become tolerable if little impulses to affection and smiles shaded its white penetration. If she could once have laughed at herself she might have been saved. "The common experiences of life were hers," says her author, and "she sickened at the thought of them." Her mother's devotion strangled her; she had been in love with her husband—he drank; her child left her cold; her lover escaped her in a fog of tactful prudent passion; and from sources where another woman might have learned sympathy, pity, or kindness Sylvia acquired nothing but contempt and disillusion. It is so true that what we bring to things matters more than the things themselves; so eternally true that it is more blessed to give than to receive. A significant group of men and women play their part in this drama of mentality. Their carriages, their banquets, their governesses, and their politics—well, they are the flowers, the herbaceous border, grown over soil of commerce patiently dug and watered. They are commonly said to be the backbone of England, but at a moment like the present, one wonders! Though they are not in themselves beautiful, they receive at Mrs. Cobden's hands that saving grace for the least and worst of things—the charm of the satirist. Sylvia's readers will regret that this is the last word, not on account of Sylvia (her fate, very rightly left in abeyance, offers no prospect, not even a downward one: it is

a *cul de sac*), but because this is a various world, and Mrs. Cobden had the mind and the pen to add to its interest.

"**The Pastor's Wife.**"

BY THE AUTHOR OF
"ELIZABETH AND HER
GERMAN GARDEN."

(Smith, Elder.)

German gardens are dubious pleasures these days, but anything about the enemy we are so solidly up against has an especial interest. As a result of the marriage between an Anglican Bishop's daughter and a Lutheran pastor, we get an exhaustive résumé of what married life in East Prussia means. For six years slim, attractive Ingeborg lost her figure, forewent her tailor-mades, and lay about on sofas, her brain a mist, and her body a machine for turning out babies. Six of them she achieved, four complete failures and the two survivors indifferent successes. Then she rebelled, and the doctor put his foot down, and the easy husband who had glanced up from his studies on manure to call her "Little Sheep" fondly, looked up from them no more, but became oblivious of her existence. Was not her function ended? It is not a pretty picture, though to the racial instincts at its making may be set these countless masses of soldiers that fling themselves so recklessly against us. Though heavier than "The Caravanners," the seal of Elizabeth is set upon the story in many a humorous touch.

"**The Secret of the Night.**"

BY GASTON LEROUX.

(Eveleigh Nash.)

It is difficult to concentrate on a novel in days when a casual Admiralty or War Office despatch may stir the heart like a Border ballad or a Roman legend; but if stories we must have, none are so compelling as the detective variety. Anyone, however obsessed by the war, who starts upon "The Secret of the Night" will continue to the end, and probably emerge, after an hour or two of concentration upon a business so foreign to his thoughts, very much refreshed for the interval. Nihilism is a fine field for the detective, and M. Leroux paints a touching as well as a humorous portrait in the person of the Russian General who ruthlessly slew the youth of Moscow, and would have repeated the act any day did his duty and his Emperor demand it, yet slept each night in passionate remorse, murmuring through his drugged sleep stanzas of revolutionary poems. But Nihilists would not be Nihilists if they gave way to the weakness of humour, and the death of this bloody tyrant became their sacred aim. In his villa, where the police (in maroon uniforms bordered with false astrakhan) stopped the clocks in order better to hear the tic-tac of infernal machines, death thrust at him, from bouquets of flowers, from beneath the floors, from behind barred doors. His devoted

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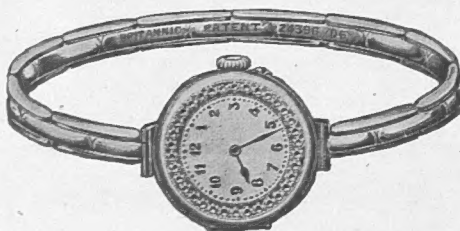
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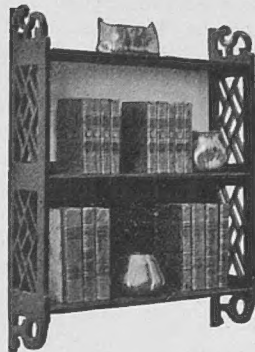
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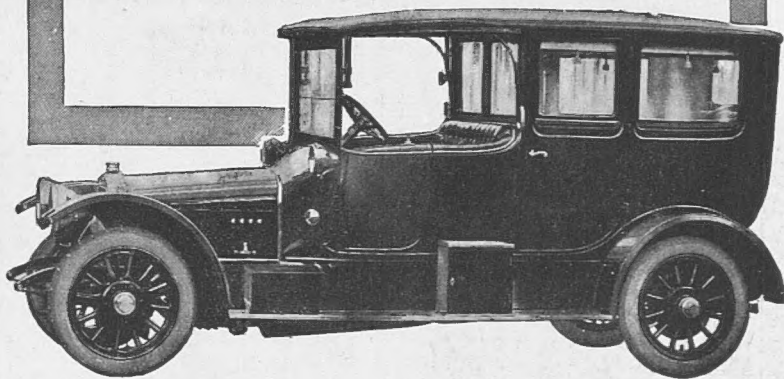
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